

the high level of plant availability, performance and life extension of units, thus ensuring reliable supply of Power to the grid. This programme will sustain the present capacity by way of life extension.

Need for more Power Plants in the Capital

498. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has asked Government that there is an urgent need of more power plants in the National Capital to resolve the power shortage problem and also for future needs;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) the reasons for which Government are not paying any attention to solve the power crisis in the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Doesn't arise.

(c) Electricity is a concurrent subject. Supply and distribution of electricity in a State/UT is in the purview of the State Government/State power utility concerned. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Government by establishing power plants in central sector through CPSUs. Being the National Capital Territory of the country, utmost attention is paid by the Government to ensure adequate power availability in Delhi.

Following measures have been taken/are being taken by Government to meet power shortages in Delhi:

- * In addition to firm share, allocation of power from unallocated quota in CGSs in Northern Region (NR) has been made to Delhi on time slot basis according to demand pattern.
- * Delhi would get additional power from following upcoming projects of Tehri HEP (4X250 MW), Dulhasti HEP (3 X130 MW) and Tala HEP (6X170 MW). While, two units of Tehri HEP have been commissioned, benefits from other units of aforesaid projects are likely to accrue in the current financial year.

- * MoU has been signed by Delhi Transco Ltd. (DTL) with NTPC to augment the capacity by 980 MW (2X490MW) in Badarpur Thermal Power Station with scheduled commissioning in June, 2010.
- * Power Purchase Agreement has been signed by DTL with Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) for power from Tehri Pump Storage Plant (4 X 250 MW) and Koteshwar Power Plant (400 MW) with share of about 600 MW and 40 MW respectively.
- * Delhi Government has envisaged to set-up gas-based plant of the capacity of 350 MW Pragati PH-II, 1050 MW at Bawana and replacement of 750 MW I.P. power Plant during 2009-10 to 2011-12.
- * Setting up of a 1500 MW power plant at Jhajjar in Haryana with Delhi's share being 750 MW and expansion Dadri Thermal Power Station (2 X 490 MW) is under consideration and are expected to be commissioned in 2010-11 and 2011-12.
- * DTL has signed PPA with DVC to get 100 MW by Dec., 2006 which would be increased to 2500 MW by 2012.
- * DTL has made bilateral arrangements with states of Eastern Region for getting 44 MW-435 MW during ensuing winter months.
- * DTL has made agreements with Rajasthan, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh to get about 367 MW to 400 MW during morning peak hours of winter months in lieu of giving off-peak power to the tune of 600 MW to these states during the period Nov., 06 to March, 2007.

Status of Power Projects

499. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of power projects in the country particularly in the State of Assam which have been completed during the last three years;

(b) the details of new power projects likely to be completed during 2006-07; and

(c) the details of new power projects of the country to be taken up during the current year?